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Procurement Subcommittee of the Advisory Committee

on

Foreign Language Publications

Minutes of the Fifth Meeting held at 1400, 9 February 1954, at 350 26th Street

I. Present:

Major M. F. Donelan, AFOIN
Cmdr. H. F. Perrenot, ONI
Lt. Cmdr. W. C. Kruse, ONI
Mr. R. G. Gifford, State

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II. Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the fourth meeting (PSC-M-4) were approved.

III. Union Catalog of Soviet Monographs:

The Chairman reported that this project had been referred to the Reference Subcommittee for study.

IV. Union List of Soviet Serials:

The Chairman reported that the preliminary checklist was still awaiting reproduction.

V. Union List of Satellite Serials:

The Chairman reported that CIA would compile the preliminary checklist for this project when staff availability would permit.

VI. An Intelligence Approach to Subject Headings:

The Chairman reported that this proposal had been referred to the Reference Subcommittee for study.

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VII. Domestic Collection (PSC-D-5):

This document was discussed and the following action taken:

- a. Maj. Donelan reported that to his knowledge Air Force had no collection in N. Y., but would confirm this impression.
- b. Lt. Cmdr. Kruse reported Navy had none.
- c. Mr. Gifford offered to write a statement concerning activities of State's collector in N. Y.

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e. G-2 was not represented at the meeting but will be contacted by the Chairman for information of current procurement activities of G-2, 1st Army.

f. The Chairman will investigate Library of Congress methods and facilities.

VIII. Collection Requirements (PSC-D-6):

a. The intent of this document is to explore the desirability and possibility of coordinating all Washington requirements for collection through Post facilities and to make coordination in the field more efficient.

b. State, CIA, and some non-IAC requirements are now centrally processed by CIA.

c. Air Attaches receive their requirements directly from AFOIN by means of Basic Air Intelligence Requirements (BAIR), Intelligence Collection Instructions (ICI) and Want Lists.

d. Naval Attaches receive their requirements directly from ONI by means of General Instructions and Naval Intelligence Collection Instructions (NICI). (Navy reported its main source of foreign publications was its exchange program with the Admiralty, London.)

e. Army attaches receive their requirements from G-2 by means of a Special Regulation on collection, Intelligence Collection Memoranda (ICM) and Specific Requests for Information (SRI). (Collection directives mentioned in b-e above are available to the Committee.)

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f. Discussion

a. Lt. Cmdr. Kruse observed that there was plenty of machinery available for coordination, but that very little was getting done. He suggested that we concentrate our efforts, initially, at least, on coordination in Washington, and leave field coordination to the Chief of Mission whose proper responsibility it is. The Chairman pointed out that there is at present no chapter in Foreign Service Regulations concerning foreign publications, but that a draft is ready and will be made available to other members of the committee. When it is published, it will establish responsibilities and provide collection guidance to all posts.

b. The Chairman will study this problem further and submit recommendations at a later meeting.

c. The Chairman will prepare a document on publications procurement officers and suggest means for use of them by the services to supplement attache activities.

IX. Publications Procurement Officer, New Delhi:

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The Chairman announced that [redacted] formerly PPO, Rome, but now in Washington, would be available during week of 15 February for briefing prior to departure for his new assignment as PPO, New Delhi. Maj. Donelan agreed to arrange for a joint Army-Navy-Air Force briefing in the Pentagon, [redacted] will handle NSA arrangements, and [redacted] will arrange CIA briefings.

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X. Expansion of PPO Program:

Maj. Donelan suggested that the Subcommittee prepare a strong statement on the value of overt publications to intelligence research and on the need for additional collectors for submission to the Advisory Committee. The Chairman will draft such a statement for consideration along with [redacted]'s report.

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XI. T The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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